

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2022 REGULAR SESSION**

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### **House Bill 4667**

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SUMMERS AND FAST

[Introduced February 14, 2022; Referred to the

Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §61-16-3, relating generally to creating a prohibition on county, municipality,  
 3 city or town restrictions on advanced air mobility aircraft.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 16. USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

**§61-16-3. Counties, municipalities, cities and towns prohibited from enacting restrictions upon advanced air mobility aircraft.**

1 (a) Except as authorized by law, a county, city, village, or township shall not enact or adopt  
 2 an ordinance, policy, or rule that relates to the ownership or operation of an advanced air mobility  
 3 aircraft or advanced air mobility and shall not otherwise engage in the regulation or ownership of  
 4 an advanced air mobility aircraft or advanced air mobility. Any ordinance, policy, or rule that  
 5 violates this subsection, whether enacted or adopted by the county, municipality, city or town  
 6 before or after the effective date of this section, is void.

7 (b) As used in this section, "advanced air mobility" means a system that transports people  
 8 and property by air between points in the United States using aircraft, including electric aircraft  
 9 and electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, in both controlled and uncontrolled airspace.

NOTE: This bill relates to prohibiting counties, municipalities, cities and towns from enacting restrictions upon advanced air mobility aircraft.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.